

Executive Council of Delhi University at its meeting held on 13.4.1999 accepted the recommendations of a committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to examine the post-based roaster on reservation. The recommendations of the committee so appointed were received by the college in June 1999 and since then, no permanent appointments in the teaching posts have been made.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) On all the occasions, there were no SC/ST candidates who could be considered for promotion under reservation.

(e) No, Sir. The college has advertised reserved vacancies for the post of lecturers. No recommendations of the Executive Council of the University have been violated by the college.

(f) Does not arise.

Reservation Policy in Hindu College

1492. SHRI R.N. ARYA:

SHRI GANDHI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Human Resource Development has received the representation No. 1441-A dated 7th April, 2000 from Forum of Academics for Social Justice on Hindu College of Delhi University, regarding reservation policy and its implementation;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a total violation of roaster through manipulations in promotions and recruitment in non-teaching and teaching categories, during last five years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, the details of promotions and recruitment of SC/ST during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has received a representation dated 2.4.2000 from Forum of Academics for Social Justice regarding implementation of reservation policy in Hindu College.

(b) and (c) As per information received from Delhi University,

there has been no manipulation in promotion and recruitment in non-teaching and teaching categories in Hindu College.

(d) As per the information received from Hindu College/Delhi University, there have been 13 cases of promotions/recruitment of teaching/non-teaching staff in the SCST categories in the last five years.

Educational empowerment of SCs/STs

1493. SHRI BIRABHADRA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether literacy rate among scheduled castes and scheduled tribes is far below the national rate;

(b) if so, the action being taken to improve the literacy rate among these communities, the total amount of funds earmarked for the purpose in the Eight, (1992—1997) and Ninth Five Year Plans (1997—2002), as compared to the total Plan Outlays of the Ministry of HRD, both in actual and percentage figures; and

(c) the total funds earmarked for the Education Sector in both the Five Year Plans and out of that the amount of funds exclusively earmarked for educational empowerment of SCs/STs?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The NSSO Survey (53rd Round) shows that the general literacy rate for India has moved up to 62%. However this survey does not give the disaggregated figures for SCs/STs. The literacy rate of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, in the country, as per 1991 Census was 37.41% and 29.60% respectively, as compared to the general literacy rate of 52.21%.

(b) and (c) In the literacy campaigns the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are specially targeted. These campaigns reach out to areas of the country which are most backward, illiterate and poverty stricken. Areas of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe concentration are covered on a priority basis and these groups are invariably accessed to a greater degree.

The Specific steps being taken by the Government to improve literacy among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes include;